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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED U.S. POSITION ON PUERTO RICO WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) ON SEPTEMBER TWO. AFGHAN OFFICIAL WAS REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES PLACES ON THIS ISSUE AND IN LIGHT OF REPORTED LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS OF GOA OFFICIAL IN NEW YORK (REF B) AFGHAN WAS URGED TO INSTRUCT UN DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL (GHAUS) SAID GOA POLICY IN COMMITTEE OF 24 WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH LAST YEAR, AND THAT AFGHANS WOULD ABSTAIN IF ACTUAL RESOLUTION CAME TO A VOTE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT THE PRELIMINARY, PROCEDURAL VOTE TO POSTPONE WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE U.S. AND ASKED WHETHER GOA WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT. GHAUS SAID GOA WILL "SUPPORT" POSTPONEMENT BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT HIS COUNTRY TO A VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL
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HE HAD CHECKED HIS FILES ON EXACTLY WHAT THE GOA

HAD DONE LAST YEAR. (SUBSEQUENTLY EMBOFF SPOKE WITH
GHAUS' OFFICE AND CONFIRMED THAT OUR RECORDS SHOW
THAT GOA VOTED FOR POSTPONEMENT AUGUST 20, 1975.
ALSO PER USUN 3556 IT APPEARS THAT AFGHAN DELEGATION NOW
HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT.

3. DIRECTOR GENERAL ADDED THAT GOA HAD
RESERVED ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AT THE RECENT NON-
ALIGNED MEETING IN COLOMBO AND HAD WORKED WITH THE
MODERATES AGAINST WHAT GHAUS CALLED THE "EXTREMISTS."
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